CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER TRUSTEE AREA 2

MARLENE M. DRAPER AGE:52 OCCUPATION: Businesswoman

It has been an honor to represent you as a member of the CUSD Board.

As a parent of two CUSD graduates, I know the importance of focusing on the needs of our students. During board deliberations I will continue to raise questions and seek input from parents, students and teachers. I am determined to provide the best educational opportunities for all students through my strong support of rigorous academics, innovative programs and improving already high standards for teachers. Every child deserves the highest quality education provided in a stimulating and safe environment.

Given the financial challenges facing California, it is crucial to retain effective and demonstrated leadership on our school board. As a fiscal conservative, I have worked hard to get the state to focus resources on education.

When elected in 1988, CUSD had no schools recognized as California Distinguished or National Blue Ribbon. Today we have 32 California Distinguished and 11 National Blue Ribbon Schools. SAT scores have increased by over 60 points, our graduation rate is over 98%, and state of the art programs have been established districtwide.

My passion is providing quality education for children. With your support and vote we will make a difference.